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1. OVER PAST THREE DAYS LOCAL PRESS HAS CARRIED SERIES
OF COMMENTS BY:

2. MAKARIOS. IN MEETING WITH GREEK NEWSMEN LAST WEEK,
ARCHBISHOP OPINED THAT TURKS WOULD ABANDON PRESENT
INTRANSIGENT POSITIONS AFTER OCTOBER 14 ELECTIONS; SAID MOST
ALL THAT REMAINS IS "QUESTION OF
LOCAL SELF ADMINISTRATION".
ARCHBISHOP HOPED TO LIVE TO SEE ENOSIS BUT TOOK ISSUE WITH
GRIVAS SIMPLISTIC APPROACH: SAID GOAL
WOULD REQUIRE "GREATER, MORE STUDIED EFFORT". RE
PAST HISTORY ARACHBISHOP SAID ENOSIS HAD NOT BEEN OFFERED
SINCE TIME OF HARDING, WHEN PROPOSAL HAD BEEN REJECTED
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BECAUSE IT (MISTAKENLY) REGARDED AS NOT SINCERE.

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3. CLERIDES. AT AIRPORT CONFERENCE PRIOT DEPARTURE FOR LUSAKA (FBIS M231039), CLERIDES NOTED THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO SIDES HAD WIDENED DUE TO NEW TURKISH INITIATIVES, BUT HE STILL CONSIDERED DECEMBER AS LANDMARK MONTH. REBUTTING GRIVAS BROUHAHA ABOUT 1966 PROTOCOL, CLERIDES DECLARED TURKS HAD NEVER OFFERED ACCEPTABLE FORM OF ENOSIS. IN SEPARATE INTERVIEW WITH GREEK LANGUAGE PERIODICAL PUBLISHED IN UK, SAID HE DID NOT FAVOR EFFORT TO AMEND INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES "AT THIS TIME."

4. GRIVAS: GENERAL CHARGED IN LETTER TO "TO VIMA" THAT FOUR GREEK ARMY MAJORS HAD BEENSENT TO CYPRUS TO ARREST OR TO KILL HIM IN WAKE OF (1) "ELEFTHEROS KOSMOS" APPEAL THAT HE BE DEPRIVED OF ABILITY TO CONTINUE CAMPAIGN AND (2) UK PRESSURE ON PRESIDENT PAPADOPOULOS TO CONDEMN GENERALS ACTIVITY. GRIVAS SAID PRO MAKAIOS ELEMENTS AHD WORKED OUT OTHER PLANS TO KILL HIM, BUT HE DID NOT CITE NAMES BEHIND ANY PLOT. HE FURTHER REITERATED "FIVE POINTS" AS CONDITION FOR CESSATION ARMED CAMPAIGN AGAINST MAKARIOS.

5. CHRISTOPHIDES: IN DEPARTURE COMMENTS FONMIN SIAD NEITHER GREECE NOR CYPRUS WANT PARALLEL DIAOGUE TO PRESENT TALKS (SOME PAPERS CLAIMED THIS TURKISH OBJECTIVE). SAID HE WILL ADDRESS UNGA ON OCTOBER 4 AND PROBABLY VISIT D.C. AFTERWARD FOR CONSULTATIONS.

6. COMMENT: PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOVE ADD LITTLE TO PRESENT SCENE OTHER THAN HARDENING OF ALL POSITIONS AND GRIVAS IMPLICATION OF PAPADOPOULOS IN ASSASSINATION/ARREST CHARGE. ARCHBISHOPS COMMENT ON ENOSIS, IN PARTICULAR, WILL REKINDLE LATENT TURK SUSPICIONS.
END COMMENT.
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